

# **CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**OCTOBER 17, 2011**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**400 PHENIX AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Cranston School Committee was held on the evening of the above date at Western Hills Middle School with the following members present: Chairperson Iannazzi, Mr. Traficante, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Ruggieri, Mrs. Culhane, and Mr. Lombardi. Mrs. McFarland was absent with cause.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Traficante and seconded by Mr. Bloom and unanimously carried that the members convene to Executive Session Pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel (Superintendent's Evaluation), (Discussion of Annual Goals & Objectives of Administrative Employee [A]), PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Cranston School Department vs. RIDE [Cranston Area Career & Technical Center] Supreme Court) (Coach A and B Supreme Court Appeal), (Contract Negotiations' Update – Bus Drivers / Trades People / Mechanics, Custodians), (Consideration of legal options regarding status of aid to education appropriation and legal advice relating to the same).

**Call to Order – Public Session was called to order at 6:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and the roll was called. A quorum was present. Ms. Iannazzi announced Mrs. McFarland was excused this evening from the meeting. Ms. Iannazzi also made note that no votes were taken in Executive Session.**

**Executive Session Minutes Sealed – October 17, 2011 – A motion to seal Executive Session was made by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mr. Bloom. The roll was called; all were in favor.**

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – September 14, 19 and 27, 2011 – Moved by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously carried to approve these minutes.**

**Public Acknowledgements / Communication**

**There are none.**

**Chairperson's Communications**

**There are none.**

**Superintendent's Communications**

**There are none this evening**

**School Committee Member (s) Communications**

**Mrs. Culhane**

**I just wanted to let everybody who's here to know that the BASICS Walk-A-Thon is this Friday evening here at Western Hills at 6:30 to raise money for the BASICS Program. Also, all of the registrations are in for the Music Program and the Music Program is going to be well underway this month.**

**Mrs. Ruggieri**

**I would like to mention that this past Saturday evening, we attended the Cranston High School East Invitational Marching Band Competition and it was phenomenal. It was really great and it was wonderful to see the kids and the pageantry of it; I enjoyed it very much and if you ever have a chance next year to attend this, please do.**

**Public Hearing**

- a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda matters) – There were none**
- b. Members of the Public (Agenda matters only) – There were none**

**The proposed Consent Agenda is as follows: Resolutions No. 11-10-7 (w/addendum), 11-10-8, 11-10-9, 11-10-10, 11-10-11, 11-10-12, 11-10-13 (w/addendum), 11-10-14, 11-10-15 (w/addendum), 11-10-16, 11-10-17, and 11-10-18. Moved by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 11-10-07 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the**

**Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**Gloria Stoehr, Secondary Math**

**Samantha Filippo, Secondary Math**

**Llewellyn Cole, Elementary**

**Melissa Ricci, Special Education Elementary\Middle**

**Renee Barreira, Special Education Elementary\Middle\Secondary**

**NO. 11-10-08 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX, Section B.4 of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers’ Alliance:**

**Tania Tasca, Teacher**

**Cranston West**

**Effective Date...December, 2011 to August, 2013**

**NO. 11-10-09 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following certified personnel be accepted:**

**Yemel Santana, Teacher**

**Cranston West**

**Effective Date...October 28, 2011**

**NO. 11-10-10 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be reappointed as an**

**athletic coach:**

**Cranston High School West**

**James Williamson Head Coach Boys' Soccer**

**Lenny D'Errico Faculty Manager**

**Cranston High School East**

**Robert Bouchard Head Coach Boys' Cross Country**

**April Oberhelman Assistant Coach Girls' Volleyball**

**David Capuano Faculty Manager**

**NO. 11-10-11 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be appointed as volunteer coaches:**

**Cranston High School East**

**Jeffrey Durand Football**

**NO. 11-10-12 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be reappointed as volunteer coaches:**

**Cranston High School West**

**Gerard Marzilli Football**

**Justin Erickson Football**

**Dan DiPrete Soccer**

**Cranston High School East**

**Isaiah McDaniel Football**

**Joseph Madonna Football**

**Dan Perry Football**

**Raphael Madonna Football**

**NO. 11-10-13 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach (es) be accepted:**

**David Barr, Head Coach Boys' Indoor Track**

**CHSW**

**Effective Date...October 5, 2011**

**NO. 11-10-14 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be appointed:**

**Danielle Johnoff, Teacher Assistant**

**Garden City**

**Effective Date...October 11, 2011**

**Authorization...New**

**Fiscal Note...12246020 51110**

**Anne Mantia, School Based Coordinator**

**CAC&TC**

**Effective Date...October 11, 2011**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...51974114 51110**

**Ryan Ingerowski, Site Safety Supervisor**

**CAC&TC**

**Effective Date...October 13, 2011**

**Fiscal Note...51974145 51110**

**NO. 11-10-15 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**Lucy Ragosta, Secretary**

**Donald Hahn, Custodian**

**NO. 11-10-16 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Harold Winstanley, Technical Assistant**

**Inactive**

**Effective Date...October 6, 2011**

**Jeanne Silva, Technical Assistant**

**Inactive**

**Effective Date...October 3, 2011**

**NO. 11-10-17 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Duane Rossi, Custodian**

**Plant**

**Effective Date...September 26, 2011**

**Sharon McGuinness, Program Assistant**

**Bain + 2**

**Effective Date...September 28, 2011**

**Richard Camp, Bus Driver**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...October 7, 2011**

## **POLICY AND PROGRAM**

**NO. 11-10-18 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:**

**1. Aimee Duarte and Steve DeRosa, both teachers at the Cranston Area Career & Technical**

**Center, and 34 students to travel to Orlando, FL from January 13, 2012 – January 16, 2012 to attend and participate in the Otronicon Conference, at no cost to the school department. Please see the attached “Field Trip of Long Duration” form.**

**2. Marie Birch, Teacher/Advisor at Cranston East and approximately 10 students, to travel to Atlanta, Georgia from November 18, 2011 – November 20, 2011 to attend Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Regional Leadership Meeting, at no cost to the school department. Please see the attached “Field Trip of Long**



**Duration” form.**

**ADDENDUM TO THE ABOVE RESOLUTIONS**

**ADD TO RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-07**

**Michael Lopo, Special Ed Elementary\Middle\Secondary**

**Marilyn Petrarca, Speech & Language Pathologist**

**ADD TO RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-13**

**Ken Hopkins, Jr., Assistant Coach Boys’ Basketball**

**Cranston High School West**

**Effective Date...October 13, 2011**

**ADD TO RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-15**

**Joseph Vessella, Bus Driver**

**AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – THE COLLEGE  
CRUSADE OF R.I. – RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-20**

**See attached amended Memorandum of Understanding**

**At this time, Mr. Lombardi took the chair. On Resolution No. 11-10-06,  
Mr. Traficante made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Culhane. The roll  
was called:**

**Mr. Lombardi Yes Mrs. Culhane Yes**

**Mr. Bloom Yes Mrs. Ruggieri Yes**

**Mr. Traficante Yes Ms. Iannazzi Recused**

**Mrs. McFarland was excused from this meeting.**

**NO. 11-10-06 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the 2011-2012 school year:**

**Alyssa Fioravanti, Step 2**

**Education...RIC, BA**

**Experience...Cranston Substitute**

**Certification...Elementary**

**Assignment...CSR .5 FTE**

**Effective Date...October 17, 2011**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...57121129 51110**

**Elizabeth Reichardt, Step 4**

**Education...URI, BS**

**Experience...AEP Instructor**

**Certification...Secondary English**

**Assignment...Reading .5 FTE**

**Effective Date...October 17, 2011**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...11313200 51110**

**Moved by Mr. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Traficante for discussion:**

**Mr. Nero:**

**We are going to make an addendum to this. Mr. Votto will mention the change. As many of you were at the work session about a month ago, the former Deputy Commissioner of Education in Rhode Island, Todd Flaherty, contacted me and made a point to come and see us at the Biltmore with the folks from the College Crusade. We were extremely impressed with this program coming into Cranston. It's going to help so many of our students to attend college who would have not had the opportunity if it wasn't for this program. It is an outstanding program and we're dealing with outstanding people who are bringing this to Cranston. It is a welcome addition and it is at no cost to the tax payers of the City of Cranston. We have worked out a solid Memorandum of Understanding with our council and we have an agreement. The only change will be some wording to be clarified on Page 1 / 2 of the memorandum under, "The College Crusade will", under the third Item, all members associated with The College Crusade will comply with the CPS district's volunteer policy by completing all forms and submitting to a BCI", ; this will be changed from all members to Those members who will be associated with.....**

**Mr. Lombardi**

**I had the opportunity to be at that work session and this is the kind of information that should make the news because this is a wonderful thing happening in the City of Cranston and like the Superintendent said, "We're basically picking kids in Grade 6 and following them**

through Grade 12 by the College Crusaders. These are kids that would normally not have the opportunity of a chance to go on to college. They are getting this opportunity now.

The roll was called:

Mr. Traficante Yes Mr. Bloom Yes

Mrs. Ruggieri Yes Mrs. Culhane Yes

Mr. Lombardi Yes Ms. Iannazzi Yes

Mrs. McFarland was excused from this meeting.

NO. 11-10-20- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the approval of Memorandum of Understanding agreement between The College Crusade of Rhode Island and the Cranston Public Schools, be accepted. (M.O.U. Attached)

### **New Business**

Ms. Iannazzi announced that she will be submitting a resolution to support the Pension Reform Bill Independent in the General Assembly at a special meeting on October 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Briggs Building.

### **Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items**

There were none.

**Announcement of Future Meetings – October 25, November 16 and November 21, 2011**

## **Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Traficante and seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Frank S. Lombardi**

**School Committee Clerk**

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**The College Crusade of Rhode Island**

**And**

**Cranston Public School District**

**This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) recognizes a common interest in the success of the students of The College Crusade of Rhode Island (The College Crusade) and the Cranston Public School District and agreements relative to the common interests and obligations of the parties in a partnership, as set forth below. This agreement is subject to the approval by the U.S. Department of Education.**

**The College Crusade Mission: To increase educational and career success for youth in RI's low income communities. We guide them along pathways to success by providing early, sustained academic and social support from grades 6-12, combined with scholarship incentives. We advocate for expanded opportunities for pre K -16 success while helping Crusaders to develop as responsible, productive members of the community.**

**The College Crusade Vision: We envision a state where all students receive a quality education, where all students have an equal opportunity to graduate high school and complete post-secondary education and where all youth are supported as they develop into responsible adults who can take on meaningful roles in their families, in the workforce and in the community.**

**The Mission of Cranston Public Schools: The mission of the Cranston Public Schools is to empower our students to acquire the resourcefulness which prepares learners for life role performances in a world of constant change and continuous discovery.**

**The Vision of Cranston Public Schools: Cranston Public Schools is a diverse community of learners who work collaboratively as critical thinkers. Students are supported with best instructional practices that provide meaningful learning experiences and are held by high professional standards. Together with community partnerships, we ensure a nurturing learning environment that fosters student**

**success.**

**Partnership Common Interest:** Youth are best served when programs to educate and guide them are coordinated and complimentary. Providing adequate and sustained supports for young people to realize their potential requires respectful collaborations among multiple partners. Working together toward common goals will ensure all students have an equal opportunity to graduate high school, complete post-secondary education, and develop into responsible adults who take on meaningful roles in their families, in the workforce, and in the community.

**The College Crusade will:**

- **provide services in designated schools in grades 7-12**
- **adhere to all appropriate school district policies**
- **all members associated with The College Crusade will comply with the Cranston school district's volunteer policy by completing all forms and submitting to a BCI**
- **meet periodically with the Superintendent to discuss The College Crusade program and its effectiveness**
- **carefully coordinate with schools all program activities and meet with Principals or appropriate staff regarding any issues or concerns related to the schools or students**
- **observe all standards of confidentiality**

### **Cranston Public School District will:**

- **provide The College Crusade access to work space, space for activities and after school programs, and the use of school-based equipment, i.e. computers and internet, copy machine, fax machine, and telephone**
- **provide The College Crusade access to Crusaders grades, attendance, suspension lists and other school records such as ILP's and course selection as authorized by the signed Crusade Parent/Guardian Release of Information Form**
- **allow Crusaders access to late buses for after-school programs**
- **embrace The College Crusade as a partner in providing support services within the school community**
- **inform The College Crusade of any concerns in a timely manner**
- **meet annually with The College Crusade to review changes that may be necessary for a continued partnership**
- **assist in the recruitment of students into The College Crusade program**

### **Evidence of Success will be determined by:**

- **school attendance records and grades**
- **attendance at The College Crusade programs and activities**
- **feedback from The College Crusade evaluations and surveys**
- **improved NECAP scores**

### **Partnership Renewal Terms**



**Cranston Public School District and The College Crusade of Rhode Island will annually review the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Renewal of the partnership will be based on the success of the terms and conditions set forth in this MOU. Any amendments to this MOU will be made available to all parties as requested and/or necessary.**

**Superintendent, Cranston Public Schools**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**President, The College Crusade of RI**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_